



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 03.26.19

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the March 26, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

March 26, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Recognition of Earth Hour on March 30, 2019 – Council issued a proclamation recognizing Earth Hour from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30th. As part of a global statement of concern on finding solutions to climate change, Hermosa Beach will be joining other individuals, businesses, and governments around the globe in turning off non-essential lights during Earth Hour, including those on the Hermosa Beach Pier. Residents are encouraged to do the same in recognition of Earth Hour.



Proclamation Declaring April as “Donate Life Month” – Council issued a proclamation recognizing April as “Donate Life California Month” to encourage Californians to register with the Department of Motor Vehicles as organ, eye or tissue donors. For more information, please visit the [Donate Life California website](#). A Donate Life Run/Walk fundraiser benefiting the OneLegacy Foundation will be held at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday, April 27, 2019 starting at 7 a.m. For more information or to contribute, please visit the Donate Life OC [website](#). Pictured at right: transplant recipients Tammy Rusznak and Holly Miyagawa.



Greenbelt Infiltration Project Next Steps – After significant discussion and community feedback, Council approved initiating an amendment or dissolution of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cost-sharing for the design of the project and to negotiate a suitable substitute or revised MOU and project with the City’s partners including the Cities of Redondo Beach, Torrance and Manhattan Beach. While an infiltration project will not be immediately sited in Hermosa Beach (Greenbelt, South Park or Herondo Street), a suitable solution will need to be determined quickly to comply with addressing pollution entering Santa Monica Bay from the Herondo storm drain.

The City will investigate alternatives, including a March 26, 2019 offer by Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand to permit a study of a North Francisca Avenue site in Redondo Beach, funded collectively by agreement of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group, or solely by Hermosa Beach, as well as other sites in Hermosa Beach. The feasibility of the Francisca Street location will need to be determined through further



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site studies. The City will also look to enhance community project notification efforts and form a task force or working group including residents to assist Council and staff in formulating next steps.

The State Water Resources Control Board has provided an April 1, 2019 deadline to provide a project site and scope of work to avoid the loss of \$3.1 million in Proposition 1 grant funding. Staff and Council will work with local and State legislators on this issue; however, failure to provide a satisfactory solution would result in the State reprogramming these funds to other water projects. Further, if Herondo storm drain pollution is not brought into compliance by the July 2021 deadline for the Santa Monica Bay Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board may begin imposing fines of up to \$37,000 per day.

Re-siting the project and/or loss of grant funding would involve additional studies, approvals, legal issues, and may require Hermosa Beach to assume additional responsibilities such as becoming the lead agency to update the Beach Cities Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP). Costs may increase significantly beyond Hermosa Beach's \$576,202 share of the current \$7,336,180 project budget. Dissolution of the MOU may also result in payback of over \$200,000 in expended funds to partner cities in addition to a modified project being constructed in Hermosa Beach. Staff and Council will make every effort to work with the community, partner cities, regulatory agencies and local and State officials to come up with a viable solution that satisfactorily balances resident concerns with EWMP/MS4 permit compliance.

Resolution Electing to be Exempt from the County of Los Angeles Congestion Management Program

Council approved a resolution for the City to elect to opt out of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), which ties state gas tax funding received by the City to increasingly outdated and burdensome administrative and reporting requirements for transportation and land use. As recommended by Metro, Hermosa Beach is joining with several other Los Angeles County cities in opting out, including Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, to avoid the risk of losing state gas tax funding and free up staff time and budget needed to prepare CMP documents. If a majority of L.A. County's jurisdictions/populations opt out, the County may opt out of the State CMP, joining other counties including Fresno, San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz which have already done so.

Letter of Opposition to AB 377 - Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations – Council approved sending a letter of opposition to urgency Assembly Bill 377 to State Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia regarding local permitting of microenterprise home kitchen operations (MEHKOs), or small restaurants and associated services (\$50,000 or less in annual revenue and limited to 60 meals per week) run out of residential homes. Under this bill, if permitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Health, the City would not be able to regulate MEHKOs aside from requiring a business license. Currently, there are no MEHKOs legally operating in Hermosa Beach as previous legislation authorizing MEHKOs (AB 626) went into effect on January 1, 2019 and the County of Los Angeles has not yet issued any operating permits pending clarification by AB 377. Although the City would like to retain local control over MEHKOs, the City has not yet taken a position on permitting MEHKOs within City limits.



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Approval of Public Works Commission Action Minutes – Council approved the action minutes from the January 16, 2019 Public Works Commission meeting. Staff will return to Council for consideration of next steps on options for bollards or gates along the Strand to prevent vehicles from driving on the Strand and clarifying the installation of pavement markings and/or signage adjustments to keep the space clear at 11th where the Lifeguard vehicles cross to the sand.

Prospect Avenue ADA Improvements Contract Award – Council awarded a construction contract to K.C. Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$177,375 including 25% contingency for curb ramp improvements on Prospect Avenue between 6th Street and Hollowell Avenue to increase accessibility and mobility

North School Reconstruction Project Subcommittee - MOU Oversight Role – Council authorized the North School Reconstruction Project Subcommittee (Mayor Armato and Councilmember Massey) to continue to serve as the City's representatives to oversee satisfactory fulfillment of the terms of the North Elementary School Reconstruction Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed on February 27, 2019 in a collaborative effort with the Hermosa Beach City School District to address transportation, traffic, student pick-up / drop off, cost-sharing and other issues.

Other Matters

- Councilmember Fangary provided an update on **Senate Bill 50 (SB 50)** authored by State Senator Scott Wiener which would allow for housing construction near transit and job centers superseding local zoning ordinances and regulations in certain areas. Staff will return to Council with an evaluation of potential impacts to Hermosa Beach and recommended actions.
- Mayor Armato and Councilmember Massey provided a **Downtown Subcommittee** update on consideration of Pier Avenue lighting and seating with bus stop shelter purchase and the 2019 Summer Concert Series scheduled to be brought before Council for consideration on April 9, 2019.
- Councilmember Duclos requested staff consult with the Police Chief on **enhanced marijuana-related enforcement on 4/20** with other local cities.
- **Tentative Future Agenda Items** – Councilmember Duclos requested that the amendment to the Tobacco Retailers License to include a flavored tobacco ban and Single Use Plastics Ordinance be prioritized for a future meeting.
- Mayor Armato adjourned the meeting in memory of Hermosa Beach resident **Chris Fix**, who passed away on March 22, 2019. Whether on the hockey ice, the lacrosse field or the beach, Chris Fix was an amazing fixture not only in his family's life, but also to our South Bay community and beyond. Chris will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Jenny, and their young sons Nathan, Tobin and Gavin. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m. at American Martyrs Church located at 624 15th Street in Manhattan Beach.



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THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org

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